MEETING: The Riverside Division of the Academic Senate met on Thursday, November 4, 1999 at 2:10 P.m. in the Commons Terrace Rooms C & D. Chairman Irwin W. Sherman presided.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the Regular meeting of the May 27, 1999 meeting were approved as distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHANCELLOR: Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach announced that the American Association for the Advancement of Science has named members of the Association who have been advanced to fellowship status. UC Riverside received nine fellowships for its faculty. He noted that this is another sign of continuing excellence of the faculty at the UCR campus.

As of October, 1999, enrollment reached 11,594 students; this means UCR is no longer the smallest campus in the UC system. The Chancellor stated: We are right on target in terms of our enrollment and next year we plan to add another 907 students which means this will be a very busy year for recruiting.

Chancellor Orbach then gave a report on the SCOPE visit. He said, according to the Office of the President that it was a very successful visit. The Chancellor distributed handouts to the Division members present which covered the presentations made to the SCOPE visitors i.e. the operating budget, a focus on the School of Education, UC Mexus and the capital budget. Also, the visitors were informed of the proposed overall development of the campus, as well as our Vision Statement, the Outreach Program, and our excellence in a multicultural environment. The Chancellor noted with particular pride that insofar as students are concerned UCR is one of the most diverse campuses in the United States.

"In education", the Chancellor said, "we are the leading UC campus in the credential program, and we serve as an economic catalyst, as well as playing a key role in the arts and culture of the inland Empire through our art gallery and museum of photography". "Thanks to the Gluck Foundation, UCR is sending performing arts students out into the community, and we, in turn, are provided with student support---a most valuable exchange."

The Chancellor showed projections of UC enrollments for the next 12 years and noted that they reach a peak at 2012 and after that the enrollments level off. By 2012 UCR is expected to increase by 10,600 students. Since the growth of the campus will last approximately twelve years, the Chancellor emphasized that it is important to work at the planning process to accommodate the UCR vision statement.

Professor Cullenberg asked the Chancellor if the quality of the students is going down. The Chancellor assured him that this was not true. "SAT scores have gone up, but quality cannot be measured by SAT scores alone", he said. "Some students do not test well but they do perform well in their classes and they graduate at the campus average time to degree.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR: Executive Vice Chancellor D. H. Warren introduced our new Vice Chancellor of University Advancement Connie Kravas. She was warmly welcomed by the Division members.
SPECIAL ORDERS:

I. Consent Calendar: The Consent Calendar was adopted with unanimous consent.

II. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. Professor V. Nyitray asked that item 7.II.B -- Committee on Courses -- be moved to its regular order on the agenda. It was moved to Item 10.C.

B. The rest of the Reports of the Standing Committees were placed on file.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Professor C. Cranor moved to adopt the Proposal for a School of Law at the University of California, Riverside as found in the addendum. The motion was seconded and a brief discussion followed. Executive Vice Chancellor D. H. Warren thanked everyone who worked on putting the proposal together. Once approved by the Division, the proposal will be sent forward to the Office of the President, University Counsel and to the Regents for final approval.

EVC Warren gave an overview of the proposal. A task force was formed in 1998 to study the establishment and the academic nature. The task force was chaired by I. W. Sherman. The Task Force prepared an Academic Program, had a dialog with the legal community, the community at large, and there was also consultation with the American Bar Association. A report was prepared and presented to the Riverside Division for information last May. In addition to the Academic program the Report included budgetary needs, as well as library resource needs.

The major features of the proposal:

1. The Law School is expected to graduate well educated Doctors of Jurisprudence by providing innovative research and teaching programs that focus on the law as a broadly based field of intellectual inquiry.
2. The curriculum is designed to create a synergistic relationship with critical disciplines that provide the foundation of the law as well as other academic strengths of the general campus.
3. The Law School will educate leaders who will act in the best interests of social responsibility by improving legal institutions as well as other institutions of society.
4. The Law School will provide support to the community’s legal institutions.

Dr Cranor pointed out that the new Law School will insist on a commitment to excellence that is commensurate with the University of California. The ultimate goal is for the UCR School of Law to become one of the top 20 ranked law schools in the U.S. Over a 12 year period the School is expected to have 20 to 30 faculty with approximately 450 students; the initial entering class will be 25, but at maturity the School would graduate about 150 students per year. Key academic themes the Task Force identified for the Law School were: Law and its Foundations, Law and Ethics, Law and the Environment and Law and Family Studies.

The Task Force identified several areas of concern: Where will the resources come from for enrollment growth and operating costs? These needs and concerns were outlined in the proposal. Physical location of the School was also a concern; should it be on campus or in the downtown legal environment? The pros and cons of the 2 locations were discussed. On campus would make it difficult to interact with the legal community. A downtown location would allow the students convenient access to the Miceli Law Library and could lead to an agreement of a gift of the library to UCR. (It is an ABA requirement that we own a law library in order to have a law school.) A downtown location could serve the interests of UCR’s engagement with the community and create an even more positive relationship with the community than we now enjoy. Distance from the campus could be a negative as would isolation from the intellectual fabric of the campus. A decision on location has not been reached, but no matter if it be campus or downtown there will be a concerted effort to make it a successful venture into legal education.
Dr. Cranor said that at this juncture it would be premature to give more programmatic details. It is expected that with the hiring of a dean and faculty the vision of the School will become fully realized. The proposal before the Division, he said, is intended to get us to the next step; that being statewide approval. He noted: The Academic Senate will play the same role with Law School as with other new programs and schools and these will be presented to the relevant Senate committees.

He concluded: Professional schools must meet two criteria. First, to meet the needs of society, and second, they must be articulated with the academic vision of the university. The UCR proposal for a School of Law meets those two fundamental criteria. It is hoped that the first students could be enrolled in the School of Law in 2002.

A vote was taken and the proposal was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND FACULTIES:

A. Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction: Committee Chair, Professor J. C. Laursen, moved to adopt the proposed change in bylaw 8.4.1--Committee on Academic Personnel as found on page 46 of the Call. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted.

B. Executive Committee, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: Executive Committee Chair, Professor A. L. Williams, presented and moved adoption of the proposed change in NR3.5.1 as found on page 47 of the Call. There was no discussion and the motion passed without dissent.

C. Report of the Committee on Courses moved from the Reports of Standing Committees: Professor Nyitray, Chair of the committee corrected the report that was submitted--Spanish 120A, B, C. There was no discussion and the report was adopted as corrected.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

L. Wright, Secretary-Parliamentarian
Riverside Division of the Academic Senate

Marlene Odel
Recording Secretary